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SECOND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, please further amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please add new claims 28-121 as follows:

-- 28. (New) A method according to claim 2, characterized by the intermediate point forwarding the invitation in accordance with user preference data defining how the invitation shall be forwarded to the second user.

29. (New) A method according to claim 2, characterized by informing the second user about the invitation together with the invitation identity by means of a ringing signal, a buzz, a flash, or by E-mail.

30. (New) A method according to claim 3, characterized by informing the second user about the invitation together with the invitation identity by means of a ringing signal, a buzz, a flash, or by E-mail.